



Request for Proposal (RFP) for Administration Professional Services - Cover Letter

August 31, 2023

Re: USDA FOREST SERVICE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE PLAN (CWDP) - USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF.

Dear Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of the County of Tyler's Request for Proposals ("RFP") for professional administration services. These services are being requested to assist the County in its application(s) for and implementation of one or more contracts, if awarded, from the USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF program. The County is considering applying for such funding for planning activities.

Service providers may submit proposals for any or all activities. The County will, in its sole discretion, determine the number of contracts awarded, and may decide not to award any contracts.

The submission requirements for this proposal are included in the attached RFP. Please submit a proposal of services and statement of qualifications to:

tylercountybid.ionwave.net

For questions:

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The deadline for submission of proposals is Monday, September 18, 2023, at 9:00 AM. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting provider. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all service providers submitting timely proposals.

The County of Tyler is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Section 3 Residents, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

RFP for Administration Professional Services

The County of Tyler is seeking well-qualified administration/activity delivery service provider(s) to assist the County in preparing application(s) for and in the overall administration or implementation of proposed **USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF program**, if funded by the Texas General Land Office (GLO). The following outlines the RFP:

1. Scope of Work

Administration Services

A sample detailed Scope of Services for CWDG administration services provided by the GLO is enclosed in this packet. The administration service provider to be hired will provide application and contract-related management services, including but not limited to the following areas:

Pre-Funding Services*

The provider will assist in developing project scope(s) and completing USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF application(s). The provider will work with the local government and Engineer, if applicable, to provide the concise information needed for the submission of one or more complete USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF funding applications and related documents. The required information shall be submitted in a format to be described by the USDA – Forest Services.

Post-Funding Services

Provider will administer and provide activity delivery of infrastructure, utilities, planning, housing and eligible projects approved for CWDG funding. The selected service provider must follow all requirements of the USDA-FS-CWDG-SGSF as administered by the USDA.

General Administration Services

- Administrative Duties
- Construction Management
- Acquisition Duties (as necessary)
- Buyout Duties (as necessary)
- Environmental Services
- Plan Development

Please specify a complete list of actual tasks to be performed under each of these categories in your response, including, if necessary, a **brief** description of each task.

**Pre-funding services are generally ineligible for USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF reimbursement.*

2. Statement of Qualifications

The County is seeking qualified professional administration service providers experienced in grant application preparation, and administration/activity delivery. Please provide the following as it relates to your qualifications:

- A brief history of the service provider, including general background, knowledge of and experience working with relevant agencies and programs;
- Related experience in applying for and managing federally-funded local projects, in particular, recent experience;
- A description of work performance and experience with CWDG - CDBG, CDBG Disaster Recovery, FEMA Hazard Mitigation or similar projects including a list of at least three references

from past local government clients, with information describing the relevancy of the previous performance;

- Describe which specific parts of the Scope of Work the service provider proposes to perform;
- Describe the capacity to perform the chosen Scope of Work activities as well as resumes of all employees who may be assigned to provide services if your firm is selected, identifying current employees and proposed hires; and
- A statement substantiating the resources of the service provider and the ability to carry out the scope of work requested within the proposed timeline.

3. Proposed Cost of Services

Provide your cost proposal to accomplish the scope of work by activity or to complete a specific service outlined above and for any additional services required using the Cost of Services page(s) included in this packet: Required RFP Forms. The specific projects and grant amounts are yet to be determined; therefore, vendors should propose pricing based on the potential funding amounts provided.

The local government will consider dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises. As such, proposers may specify any maximum limit to the total dollar value of grant funds they are able and willing to manage. Service providers may submit proposals for any or all activities. Preference will be given to firm fixed pricing. The proposal must include all costs that are necessary to successfully complete these activities. Note that the lowest/best bid will not be used as the sole basis for entering into this contract; rather, award will be made to the service provider(s) providing the best value, cost and other factors considered.

Profit (either % / actual cost) must be identified and negotiated as a separate element of the price of the contract. To comply, the respondent must disclose and certify in its proposal the percentage of profit being used. “Cost plus percentage of cost” type proposals are prohibited.

4. Evaluation Criteria - The proposal received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria and using the rating sheet enclosed:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Experience	40
Work Performance	30
Capacity to Perform	25
Proposed Cost	5
Total	100

5. Submission Requirements

- A copy of your current **certificate of insurance** for professional liability.
- **Statement of Conflicts of Interest** (if any) the service provider or key employees may have regarding these services, and a plan for mitigating the conflict(s). Note that the County may in its sole discretion determine whether or not a conflict disqualifies a firm, and/or whether or not a conflict mitigation plan is acceptable.
- **System for Award Management.** Service provider and its Principals, may not be debarred or suspended nor otherwise on the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM). Include verification that the service provider as well as the its principals are not listed (are not debarred) through the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Enclose a print out of the search results that includes the record date.
- **Form CIQ**, (enclosed). Texas Local Government Code chapter 176 requires that any vendor or person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ the vendor or person’s employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local

government entity. Questionnaire form CIQ is included in the RFP and must be submitted with the response.

- **Certification Regarding Lobbying** (enclosed). Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements is included in the RFP and must be submitted with the response.
- **Form 1295**, (enclosed). Effective January 1, 2016, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the Commissioners Court will require the completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" pursuant to Government Code § 2252.908. Form 1295 must be completed by awarded vendor at time of signed contract submission. Form 1295 is included in this RFP for your information.
- **Required Contract Provisions**. Applicable provisions (enclosed) must be included in all contracts executed as a result of this RFP.

6. Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. Small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to participate in this RFP. If the awarded vendor is a prime contractor and may use subcontractors, the following affirmative steps are required of the prime contractor:

- 1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- 2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- 3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- 4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- 5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) of the Department of Commerce.

Minority-owned businesses may be eligible for contract procurement assistance with public and private sector entities from MBDA centers:

Houston MBDA Business Center
2302 Fannin Street, Suite 165, Houston, TX 77002
713-718-8974
<https://www.hccs.edu/hcc-in-the-community/entrepreneurial-initiatives/mbda/>

Dallas-Fort Worth MBDA Business Center
8828 N Stemmons Freeway - Ste 550-B, Dallas, TX 75247
214-920-2436
<http://www.mbdadfw.com/>

San Antonio MBDA Business Center
501 W César E Chávez Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-458-2480
<https://sanantoniombdacenter.com/>

MBDA Business Center – El Paso
c/o El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
2401 E. Missouri Ave.
El Paso, TX 79903
915-351-6232 ext. 19
<https://ephcc.org/blog/growing-my-existing-business/our-mbda-business-center/>

Small and woman-owned businesses may be eligible for assistance from SBA Women's Business Centers:

Houston Women's Business Council, Inc.
9800 Northwest Freeway, Suite 120, Houston, TX 77018
713-681-9232

wbc@wbea-texas.org

LiftFund - Dallas Fort Worth Women's Business Center
8828 N. Stemmons Fwy, Suite 142, Dallas, TX 75247
888-215-2373
wbcdfw@liffund.com

LiftFund - San Antonio Women's Business Center
600 Soledad St., San Antonio, TX 78205
888-215-2373
wbc@liffund.com

SBA also provides assistance at Small Business Development Centers located across Texas:
<https://americassbdc.org/small-business-consulting-and-training/find-your-sbdc/>

7. Deadline for Submission – Proposals must be received no later than Monday, September 18, 2023, at 9:00 AM. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting firm. Please submit via website your proposal to:

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Any questions or requests for clarification must be submitted in writing via EMAIL to the address above at least 3 business days prior to the deadline. The County may, if appropriate, circulate the question and answer to all service providers submitted proposals.

**USDA FOREST SERVICE COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE PLAN (CWDP) –
USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF**

Administration Services
Description of Programs

Individual grants will fund up to **\$250,000** to create and update community wildfire protection plans and up to \$10 million for associated wildfire resilience projects. Local and Tribal governments are encouraged to conduct planning exercises to assist their communities with wildfire preparedness, response and adaptation efforts.

Applicant: County of Tyler

- Development and/or revision of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
- The implementation of projects described in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan that is less than ten (10) years old.
- The implementation of projects described in a Hazard Mitigation Plan less than ten (10) years old and specifically addressing wildfire prevention/protection.

Program Description:

Community Wildfire Defense Program Grant (CWPP): The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a local plan that addresses wildfire risk reduction and resilience for communities near wilderness areas. It is developed in a collaborative framework involving state, tribal, local, and federal stakeholders. It identifies and prioritizes areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommends the types and methods of treatment on federal and non-federal land. It also recommends measures to reduce structural ignitability and may address other issues such as wildfire response, hazard mitigation, community preparedness, or structure protection. [Communities with CWPPs are given priority for funding of hazardous fuels reduction projects under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act \(HFRA\), which was passed in 2003.](#)

For more information on the requirements and scopes of these activities:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants>

SCOPE OF SERVICES Administration Services

The Contractor shall provide the following scope of services:

SCOPE OF SERVICES REQUESTED

Providers will help the USDA to fulfill **USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF** statutory responsibilities related to recovery in connection with any federally declared disaster. Providers will assist the USDA and/or grant recipients in completion of CWDG-SGSF projects. Respondents may be qualified to provide Grant Administration services for one or more programs or services (environmental, acquisition/buyout, general administration, etc.) Grant administrative services must be performed in compliance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") and guidelines issued by the USDA.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Respondent must be able to perform the tasks listed herein to be considered eligible for an award under this Solicitation. Respondents should provide a detailed narrative of their experience as it relates to each of the items below. Respondents should clearly indicate if they intend to provide services in-house with existing staff or through subcontracting or partnership arrangements. Grant Administration Services will be provided in conformance with the guidance documents and use forms provided by the subrecipient utilizing CWDG guidance. The providers shall furnish pre-funding and post-funding grant administrative services to complete the CWDG-SGSF projects, including, but not limited to the following:

Pre-Funding Services

Grant Administrator will develop project scope and complete the **USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-SGSF** application(s). The provider will work with the subrecipient and Engineering, if applicable, to provide the concise information needed for submission of complete CWDG-SGSF funding application(s) and related documents. The required information shall be submitted in a format to be described by the USDA.

Post-Funding Services

Grant Administrator will provide Grant Administration Services required to complete infrastructure, acquisition/buyout, planning, housing and other eligible projects approved for CWDG-SGSF funding. The selected service provider must follow all requirements of the Texas CDBG-MIT program.

Grant Administration Services

a) General Administrative Duties:

- i. Ensure program compliance including all CWDG-SGSF requirements and all parts therein, current Federal Register, etc.
- ii. Assist subrecipient in establishing and maintaining financial processes.
- iii. Obtain and maintain copies of the subrecipient's most current contract including all related change requests, revisions and attachments.
- iv. Establish and maintain record keeping systems.
- v. Assist subrecipient with resolving monitoring and audit findings.
- vi. Serve as monitoring liaison.
- vii. Assist subrecipient with resolving third party claims.
- viii. Report suspected fraud to the USDA.
- ix. Submit timely responses to the USDA requests for additional information.
- x. Complete draw request forms and supporting documents.
- xi. Facilitate outreach efforts, application intake, and eligibility review.
- xii. Utilize and assist with USDA's system of record to complete milestones, submit documentation, reports, draws, change requests, etc.
- xiii. Submit change requests and all required documentation related to any change requests.
- xiv. Coordinate, as necessary, between subrecipient and any other appropriate service providers (i.e. Engineer, Environmental, etc.), contractor, subcontractor and USDA to effectuate the services requested.
- xv. May assist in public hearings.
- xvi. Will work with USDA's system of record.
- xvii. Provide monthly project status updates.
- xviii. Funding release will be based on deliverables identified in the contract.
- xix. Labor and procurement duties:
 - a. Provide all Labor Standards Officer (LSO) Services.
 - b. Ensure compliance with all relevant labor standards regulations.
 - c. Ensure compliance with procurement regulations and policies.
 - d. Maintain document files to support compliance.

- xx. Financial duties:
 - a. Prepare and submit all required reports (Section 3, Financial Interest, etc.).
 - b. Assist sub recipient with the procurement of audit services.
 - c. Assist the sub recipient in establishing and maintaining a bank account for program funds.
 - d. Implementation and coordination of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (“AFFH”) requirements as directed by USDA and the FOREST SERVICE.
 - e. Implementation and coordination of Section 504 requirements.
 - f. Program compliance.
 - g. Ensure that fraud prevention and abuse practices are in place and being implemented.
 - h. Prepare and submit all closeout documents.
 - i. Submit all invoices no later than 60 days after the expiration of the contract. All outstanding funds may be swept after 60 days. The provider may request an extension of this requirement in writing.
 - j. Assist in preparation of contract revisions and supporting documents including but not limited to:
 - Amendments/modifications,
 - Change orders.
 - xxi. Perform any other administrative duty required to deliver the project.
- b) Construction Management
- i. The provider will assist the sub recipient in submitting/setting up project applications in the USDA’s system of record.
 - ii. The provider may compile and collate complete contract/bid packages that meet USDA program requirements. The packages will contain supporting documentation that meets or exceeds the requirements of the USDA’s program. If applications do not have the necessary forms, the provider may assist the sub recipient by coordinating to acquire the necessary documentation.
 - iii. The provider may monitor, report, and evaluate the contractor's performance; notify the subrecipient if the contractor(s) fails to meet established scheduled milestones. Receive, review, recommend, and process any change orders as appropriate to the individual projects.
 - iv. The provider may assist the subrecipient with project Activity Draws/Close Out.
 - v. The provider may assist the sub-recipient by submitting all the necessary documentation for draws and closing a project activity in the USDA’s system of record. The provider will compile, review for completeness, and collate complete contract/closeout packages that meet USDA program requirements for draw requests. If applications do not have the necessary forms, the provider may assist the sub-recipient by coordinating to acquire the necessary documentation.
 - vi. The provider may assist the subrecipient in developing Architectural and Engineering plans with guidance from the USDA.
 - vii. Reassignment scope alignment (if necessary).
- c) Acquisition Duties:
- i. Submit acquisition reports and related documents.
 - ii. Establish acquisition files (if necessary).
 - iii. Complete acquisition activities (if necessary).
- d) Planning Duties:
- I. The Provider will assist in the development, adoption, and implementation of a forward-looking comprehensive plan that may integrate hazard mitigation plans. This may include: base map, land use analysis, housing and population analysis, financial analysis for capital improvements.
 - II. The Provider will assist in the development, adoption, and implementation of a forward-looking hazard mitigation plan as dictated or required.
- e) Environmental Services
- i. Review each project description to ascertain and/or verify the level of environmental review required: Exempt, Categorical Exclusion not Subject to 58.5, Categorical Exclusion Subject to 58.5, Environmental Assessment, and Environmental Impact Statements;
 - ii. If necessary, conduct a tiered environmental review and submit broad and site-specific environmental reviews as required by 24 CFR Part 58.
 - i. Prepare, complete and submit USDA-required forms for environmental review and provide all documentation to support environmental findings;
 - ii. Consult and coordinate with oversight/regulatory agencies to facilitate environmental clearance;
 - iii. Be able to perform or contract special studies, additional assessments, or permitting to secure environmental clearance. These may include, but are not limited to biological assessments, wetland delineations, asbestos surveys, lead-based paint assessments, archeology studies, architectural reviews, Phase I & II ESAs, USACE

- permits, etc.;
- iv. Prepare all responses to comments received during comment phase of the environmental review, including State/Federal Agency requiring further studies and/or comments from public or private entities during public comment period;
 - v. Maintain close coordination with local officials, project engineer and other members of the project team to assure appropriate level of environmental review is performed and no work is conducted without authorization;
 - vi. Complete and submit the environmental review into USDA's system of record;
 - vii. At least one site visit to project location and completion of a field observation report;
 - viii. Prepare and submit for publication all public notices including, but not limited to the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Request for Release of Funds floodplain/wetland early and final notices in required order and sequence;
 - ix. Provide documentation of clearance for Parties Known to be Interested as required by 24 CFR 58.43;
 - x. Process environmental review and clearance in accordance with NEPA;
 - xi. Advise and complete environmental re-evaluations per 24 CFR 58.47 when evidence of further clearance or assessment is required;
 - xii. Prepare and submit Monthly Status Report; and
 - xiii. Participate in regularly scheduled progress meetings.

Administration Professional Services Rating Sheet

CDBG-MIT

Grant Recipient _____ Name of Respondent _____

Evaluator's Name _____ Date of Rating _____

Rate the Respondent of the Request For Proposal (RFP) by awarding points up to the maximum listed for each factor. Information necessary to assess the Respondent on these criteria may be gathered either from past experience with the Respondent and/or by contacting past/current clients of the Respondent. Respondents proposing to offer specific services (**environmental or buyout only**) will be scored only on those services.

Experience

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Related Experience / Background with federally funded projects	5	_____
2. Related Experience / Background with specific project type (infrastructure, acquisition of property, coordination with regulatory agency, etc.)	5	_____
3. Related experience/background with specific services:		
a. Administrative, construction management, and related acquisition	10	_____
b. Environmental review	5	_____
c. Buyout management (if not applicable score '0')	5	_____
4. References from current/past clients	10	_____
Subtotal, Experience	40	_____

Work Performance

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Submits requests to client/GLO in a timely manner	5	_____
2. Responds to client/GLO requests in a timely manner	5	_____
3. Past client/GLO projects completed on schedule	5	_____
4. Work product is consistently of high quality with low level of errors	5	_____
5. Past client/GLO projects have low level of monitoring findings/concerns	5	_____
6. Manages projects within budgetary constraints	5	_____
Subtotal, Performance	30	_____

Capacity to Perform

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. Qualifications / Experience of Staff		
a. Administrative, construction management, and related acquisition	5	_____
b. Environmental review	5	_____
2. Present and Projected Workloads	5	_____
3. Firm is Historically Underutilized Business (Include Comptroller Cert in Proposal)	10	_____
Subtotal, Capacity to Perform	25	_____

Proposed Cost

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
Proposed cost is in line with independent estimate and compared with all cost proposals received	5	_____
	5	_____

TOTAL SCORE

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Experience	40	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Performance	30	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity to Perform	25	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Cost	5	_____
Total Score	100	_____

Cost of Services: Administration Services

Indicate **No Cost Proposal** if your firm is not proposing for the services specified on this Cost of Services page.

The County may apply for all, none, or any combination of the CWPP programs listed below (see the Administration Services—Description of Programs in this RFP) and choose one or more service providers to implement awarded activities.

Maximum amount of grant funds firm is able and/or willing to manage: \$

Indicate pricing for any/all CWPP programs for which firm is able and/or willing to provide specified services at the level of the total award amount.

Program	Grant	Match	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Personnel/Labor		0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fringe Benefits		0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel		0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment		0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplies		0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contractual	\$250,000	0	\$250,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indirect Costs		0	
<input type="checkbox"/> TOTAL	\$250,000	0	\$250,000

Proposed Cost to Provide All Grant Administration Services

Total Award Amount \$250,000

General Administrative, Environmental, and Planning.

Insert Certificate of Insurance

Insert System for Award Management (SAM) record search for company name and company principal

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 **Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.** (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

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Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

Certification Regarding Lobbying

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995).

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Printed Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

Type of Federal Action: _____ a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement _____ d. loan _____ e. loan guarantee _____ f. loan insurance	Status of Federal Action: _____ a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award _____ c. post-award	Report Type: _____ a. initial filing _____ b. material change
Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: Congressional District, if known:	If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):	b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
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(To be completed by awarded vendor)

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is _____ (street) _____ (city) _____ (state) _____ (zip code) _____ (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.
(month) (year)

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS

2 CFR 200.326 Contract provisions. The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards. The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

All Contracts

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
>\$150,000 (Simplified Acquisition Threshold)	Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (A)
>\$10,000	All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (B)
None	Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (F)
None	Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (H)
None	Records of non-Federal entities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, the Texas General Land Office (GLO), and the pass-through entity, or any of their authorized representatives, must have the right of access to any documents, papers, or other records of the non-Federal entity which are pertinent to the Federal award, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to the non-Federal entity's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents.	2 CFR 200.336
None	Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other non-Federal entity records pertinent to a Federal award must be retained for a period of three years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or, for Federal awards that are renewed quarterly or annually, from the date of the submission of the quarterly or annual financial report, respectively, as reported to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity in the case of a subrecipient. Federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities must not impose any other record retention requirements upon non-Federal entities. The only exceptions are the following:	2 CFR 200.333

	<p>(a) If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.</p> <p>(b) When the non-Federal entity is notified in writing by the Federal awarding agency, cognizant agency for audit, oversight agency for audit, cognizant agency for indirect costs, or pass-through entity to extend the retention period.</p> <p>(c) Records for real property and equipment acquired with Federal funds must be retained for 3 years after final disposition.</p> <p>(d) When records are transferred to or maintained by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, the 3-year retention requirement is not applicable to the non-Federal entity.</p> <p>(e) Records for program income transactions after the period of performance. In some cases, recipients must report program income after the period of performance. Where there is such a requirement, the retention period for the records pertaining to the earning of the program income starts from the end of the non-Federal entity's fiscal year in which the program income is earned.</p> <p>(f) Indirect cost rate proposals and cost allocations plans. This paragraph applies to the following types of documents and their supporting records: indirect cost rate computations or proposals, cost allocation plans, and any similar accounting computations of the rate at which a particular group of costs is chargeable (such as computer usage chargeback rates or composite fringe benefit rates).</p> <p>(1) If submitted for negotiation. If the proposal, plan, or other computation is required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) to form the basis for negotiation of the rate, then the 3-year retention period for its supporting records starts from the date of such submission.</p> <p>(2) If not submitted for negotiation. If the proposal, plan, or other computation is not required to be submitted to the Federal Government (or to the pass-through entity) for negotiation purposes, then the 3-year retention period for the proposal, plan, or computation and its supporting records starts from the end of the fiscal year (or other accounting period) covered by the proposal, plan, or other computation.</p>	
None	<p>Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms.</p> <p>(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.</p> <p>(b) Affirmative steps must include:</p> <p>(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;</p> <p>(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;</p> <p>(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;</p>	2 CFR 200.321

	<p>(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;</p> <p>(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and</p> <p>(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.</p>	
None	<p>Verification No Boycott Israel. As required by Chapter 2270, Government Code, CONTRACTOR hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this verification, "boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.</p>	<p>Texas Government Code 2270.002</p>
None	<p>Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Pursuant to Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, [Company] represents and certifies that, at the time of execution of this Agreement neither [Company], nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapters 806 or 807 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code.</p>	<p>Texas Government Code 2252.152</p>
Option Contract Language for contracts awarded prior to Grant Award	<p>The contract award is contingent upon the receipt of CDBG-MIT funds. If no such funds are awarded, the contract shall terminate.</p>	<p>Optional</p>

EO Clause for Construction Contracts > \$10K including administration & engineering contracts associated with construction contracts

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
<p>>\$10,000</p>	<p>Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60–1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60–1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964–1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”</p> <p>41 CFR 60-1.4 Equal opportunity clause.</p> <p>(b) Federally assisted construction contracts. (1) Except as otherwise provided, each administering agency shall require the inclusion of the following language as a condition of any grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee involving federally assisted construction which is not exempt from the requirements of the equal opportunity clause:</p> <p>The applicant hereby agrees that it will incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR Chapter 60, which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Federal Government or borrowed on the credit of the Federal Government pursuant to a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, the following equal opportunity clause:</p> <p>During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:</p> <p>(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <p>Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.</p> <p>(2) The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.</p> <p>(3) The contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to</p>	<p>41 CFR §60-1.4(b) and 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (C)</p>

individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, that if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules,

regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

(c) Subcontracts. Each nonexempt prime contractor or subcontractor shall include the equal opportunity clause in each of its nonexempt subcontracts.

(d) Inclusion of the equal opportunity clause by reference. The equal opportunity clause may be included by reference in all Government contracts and subcontracts, including Government bills of lading, transportation requests, contracts for deposit of Government funds, and contracts for issuing and paying U.S. savings bonds and notes, and such other contracts and subcontracts as the Director of OFCCP may designate.

(e) Incorporation by operation of the order. By operation of the order, the equal opportunity clause shall be considered to be a part of every contract and subcontract required by the order and the regulations in this part to include such a clause whether or not it is physically incorporated in such contracts and whether or not the contract between the agency and the contractor is written.

(f) Adaptation of language. Such necessary changes in language may be made in the equal opportunity clause as shall be appropriate to identify properly the parties and their undertakings.

[80 FR 54975, Sept. 11, 2015]

THRESHOLD	PROVISION	CITATION
>\$2,000	<p><i>Compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 5) and with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 U.S.C. 874; 40 U.S.C. 3145) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR part 3):</i></p> <p>Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.</p>	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (D)
>\$100,000	<p>Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.</p>	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (E)
>\$150,000	<p>Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).</p>	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (G)
>\$100,000	<p>Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or</p>	2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (I) and 24 CFR §570.303

	<p>employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.</p>	
<p>>\$100,000</p>	<p>All Section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the Section 3 clause):</p> <p>A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.</p> <p>B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.</p> <p>C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this Section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the Section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.</p> <p>D. The contractor agrees to include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this Section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.</p> <p>E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.</p> <p>F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.</p> <p>G. With respect to work performed in connection with Section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i)</p>	<p>24 CFR §135.38</p>

	<p>preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of Section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with Section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).</p>	
	<p>A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.</p> <p>[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]</p>	<p>2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (J)</p>
	<p>Mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.</p>	<p>42 U.S.C. 6201</p>